

Norgate PAC Meeting Oct 20, 2020

Attending: Glenda R, Kammi C, Mr. Mitchell, Christina and Pablo P, Pia G, Rob G, Ben G, Jana J, Jenna Or, Jeremy D, Stephanie A

Regrets: Marylou Gibbs

- 1) Introduction from Rob Garty, PAC chair. Land acknowledgment.
- 2) (Glenda's update) There are great options planned to keep Halloween happening in a fun and safe way and in-class learning continues very successfully
 - a. She has been in all the classrooms to date, including teaching when no TOC available (grade 5 class so far). She's attended classrooms all the way to grade 7 now. Her weekly newsletters are where she does the majority of sharing what she encounters along the way. Everyone is doing a great job – from staff to kids to families, in doing their part to prevent the spread of covid-19 and to follow best practices.
 - b. Halloween will involve using a school-wide dance through Teams and a secret photo backdrop setup will be ready on the day to surprise the kids. While masks are not to be worn during the day, they can be brought just for the photo op.
 - c. The school's calendar can be subscribed to and all pertinent info, including PAC meetings, can be automatically synced with our calendars (multi platform).
- 3) Meridian gift card update – we have had a great response and we have surpassed our \$2000 goal (profit) means we had just under \$7200 in total sales.
 - a. Gaming grant (~\$2500) has come in. It is not larger than last year but great news in that it did come in at all
 - b. Budget is looking positive as we are very much on track relative to our planned budget. If we can do one more ~\$1000 event (or more smaller ones) we will reach our goals.
 - c. Flower fundraiser is still another option and we might try and run it this Fall (poinsettas etc). This can be run by the grade 7s to help them with their funds.
 - d. Purdy's Chocolates is also an option this year (2020 or 2021)
 - e. Grade 7 PAC allocated funds are \$350, which can come from our gaming funds. Previous years Grade 7s have raised \$ through babysitting at PAC meetings, which while not possible this year we still wish to allocate funds so that they are not disadvantaged by Covid-related changes. Discussion has held around value of fund raising more vs donor fatigue. Consensus was that wreaths/poinsettas might be for a different channel of fund raisers

Conversation included whether donor fatigue might make Purdy's an issue at same time as floral fund raiser. It's possible to pursue Purdy's around Easter too. We do not need to do another fundraiser until 2020 and can still meet our budget targets.

Action: Grade 7s to define their desire to run another fundraiser and decide if they wish to run one. If so the PAC can support them with this. Will need someone from the PAC to quarterback each fundraiser committed to.

Meeting adjourned 7:42 PM